

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest Department – Forest Protection – Constitution of State Level Forest Protection Committee headed by the Chief Secretary to the Government for Protection of Forests and Wildlife – Orders – issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR. I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 34

Dated: 14.02.2015

Read the following:-

From the Prl. CCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyderabad, Rc. No.6334/2014/ Vig.5,
dt.01.10.2014.

ORDER:

The State of Telangana is endowed with rich flora and fauna. About 25% of the geographical area of the State is covered with forests of various types. The forests of the state are subjected to immense biotic pressure leading to their degradation. Protection of this rich bio-diversity is of utmost importance. Therefore, there is an urgent need to conserve and develop the forest areas as per the scientific management principles in order to improve the tree cover to achieve the 33% of the geographical area under tree cover as envisaged in the National Forest Policy. In the reviews conducted by the Government on conservation of Forests and Wildlife, it is observed that coordination among various departments viz., Forest, Police, Revenue and Tribal Welfare is necessary for better protection of this valuable resources.

2. In the letter read above, the Prl. CCF, Telangana, Hyderabad has requested the Government to issue necessary orders constituting the State Level Forest Protection Committee for protection of forests and wildlife.

3. Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad, hereby constitute the State Level Committee for protection of forests and wildlife, headed by the Chief Secretary to the Government. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Member will be the Member Convener. The following is the composition of the State Level Forest Protection Committee:

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| 1. | Chief Secretary to Government | : | Chairman |
| 2. | Principal Secretary to Government | : | Member |
| | EFS&T Department | | |
| 3. | Director General of Police | : | Member |
| 4. | Commissioner, Land Revenue | : | Member |
| 5. | Chief Commercial Manager | : | Member |
| | (Freight & Marketing) | | |
| | South Central Railways, Secunderabad. | | |
| 6. | Secretary, Tribal Welfare | : | Member |
| 7. | Secretary, Finance Department | : | Member |
| | (Looking after the Forest Budget) | | |
| 8. | Principal Chief Conservator of Forests | : | Member, Convener |
| 9. | Non Official Members (2 nos.) | : | Members |
| | (to be nominated by the Government) | | |

4. The terms of the reference of the above committee are as follows:-

- (i) The Committee will meet once in 3 months to review the problems of Forests and Wildlife Protection in the state as coming out from the District level meetings
- (ii) The Committee will review the raids conducted in vulnerable areas by the forest Department with the help / coordination of Police Department

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- (iii) The Committee will over see the coordination between the Forest, Police, Tribal Welfare and Revenue Departments in various districts over the matters of forest protection.
- (iv) The Committee will review the action taken on the proposals of the Divisional Forest Officers under P.D.Act, against notorious and habitual smugglers/poachers.
- (v) The Committee will examine the issue of illegal pattas granted by the Revenue authorities in the RF areas and for already allotted pattas, action initiated by the District Collectors to cancel the same.
- (vi) The committee will examine whether the Government machinery in the districts have adequate man power and infrastructure facilities like vehicles, wireless/telephone communications, accommodation, arms and ammunition etc., and adequate budget provision for forest protection, controlling of timber smuggling and poaching activity totally.
- (vii) The committee will also examine the other means for improving protection of forests and wildlife and suggest further course of action to be taken.
- (viii) A Non-official Member shall hold his office for a period of two (2) years. A Non-official Member shall cease to hold office, if he fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings of the Committee without any sufficient cause or reasons. The Government can remove any Non-official Member from the Committee, without giving any reasons.

5. The Non-official Members of the Committee are entitled for payment of TA & DA as per the rates applicable to Government Officers belonging to Grade-I in the Annexure-I of T.A. Rules

6. The expenditure on TA & DA Bills etc., shall be debited to the Head of Account - District Officers (Forest Protection) "2406-01-001-11-03-111- TA".

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (Expr. MA & UD & EFS&T) Department vide their U.O.No.567/168/EBS VIII/14, Dt.5.12.2014.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

RAJESHWAR TIWARI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Telangana State, Hyderabad.
All Members through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, T.S., Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Prl. Secretary to C.M
The PS to M (EFS&T)
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